

Abstract of the Invention

The present invention relates to detectable warning surfaces for the visually impaired. In particular, the present invention addresses the difficulties encountered during installation of prior art warning surfaces by providing a novel tactile warning surface that is easy and quick to install. Specifically, the invention is a roll-up mat having a tactile warning surface. The mat is referred to as a roll-up mat because it is flexible enough to be rolled into a cylindrical bundle for easy handling during transport and installation. The mat has top and bottom surfaces, a top end, a bottom end, parallel sides and beveled edges. A plurality of tactile warning elements are integrated into the top surface. Preferably, the tactile warning elements are a rectangular array of truncated raised domes, and are aligned in horizontal rows and vertical columns. The beveled edges slope from the top surface down to the bottom surface. The beveled edges have a plurality of holes along the edge of the mat. The holes serve as guides for the installation of anchors that hold the mat to a walkway surface. The bottom surface of the mat can have an adhesive for additional strength for adhering to a walkway surface.